

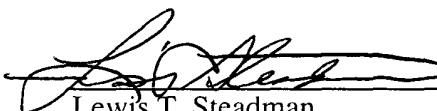
ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the following revised abstract:

A bulk vending machine with a rigid base supporting a case with a merchandise storage container thereon, wherein the base, and any coin tray therein, incorporate a substantially maximized coin receiving footprint, with or without coin tray, while applying an assembly securing force at the center of a top cover on the container and rearwardly of the center of the base.

Respectfully submitted,

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